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## BAITING OF THE FRENCH BANKERS.

This is a Question Which is Bothering Canadian Officials.

The Canadian department of marine and fisheries has before it a problem of a somewhat international character, says an Ottawa despatch. It is the question of whether French vessels engaged in trawl fisheries on the Grand Banks can buy bait in Canadian ports. Newfoundland has passed legislation prohibiting to the French fisherman this privilege and Canada is consequently the principal source of supply. It has been customary for some time for the vessels to make their purchase at Sydney, N. S. This has caused some protest and the matter has been referred to the department. The steam trawlers coal at Sydney and for the ordinary trawlers to buy bait there involves the same principle. The view expressed at the department is that there is nothing to prevent the French fishermen from securing such supplies in Canadian ports.

## "FLAR" MCKOWN ON MACKEREL.

Capt. Florence McKown, old time mackerel catcher, is all at sea when it comes to giving a reason for the disappearance of these fish from the coast.

"Capt. Flar," as he has been called for three decades, was in Portland Friday afternoon with a big load of bluebacks. He is now commander of the fishing steamer Nashawena and landed 150 barrels of the herring here Friday.

He was asked about mackerel, because one naturally thinks of mackerel and little else when Capt. McKown is around. "I wouldn't dare to give a reason for their disappearance," said the skipper. "They come and they go, but there is no reason for it as far as I can say. I believe the fish will be found off the coast if there is the feed for them and if there is no feed, there will be no fish. That is about all there is to it."

The famous old fisherman was very enthusiastic over the outlook for a good mackerel season this year. "There seem to be signs of the fish," he said. "Some good trips of big ones have been caught and there has been no end of tinkers. Good fares ought to be brought in."

To the younger fishermen of today, the name of Capt. "Flar" McKown is practically unknown. Thirty years ago he was one of the most famous mackerel catchers on the New England coast. He sailed in the schooner James Dyer, which was built for him and a number of other vessels. He was always successful and proved one of the most popular captains sailing out of Portland.

Just at present Capt. McKown is in charge of four boats for Boston men. Two of them are converted steam yachts, the Geisha, which has been a frequent visitor to Portland, and the Nashawena which was in here Friday. The latter was formerly owned by a Mr. Bogg, a big grocer of Boston. In addition to these two steamers, two gasoline craft are also under the charge of "Flar." He has engaged to seine this summer, but in the winter he goes gill netting.—Portland Press.

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### Digby Fishing Notes.

The Digby fishermen are having a good season. The recent foggy weather has interfered with the usual catch, and also with the making of the fish.

The Maritime Fish company is doing a splendid business, and is one of the live firms of the province. The finnan haddie trade is of prime importance, as it ensures high prices for green fish.

The smoked herring business is poor, as the herring have not been running well this year. Some of the weirs are not being operated.

The fishery officers are getting after offenders against the lobster laws. The summer hotel business offers a temptation in this regard, and many traps are set to supply the illegal demands of the tourists. Some fifty traps have recently been discovered and destroyed.

The following are the market prices for green fish—Cod, \$1.50, haddock, \$1.75, hake, 65c, pollock, 80c, cusk, \$1.00, halibut, \$6.00, flounders, \$2.00, dulse, \$5.00, winkles, \$1.00 per bushel. Quite a trade in dulse is carried on and considerable shipments are made to Boston.

### Lockport Fishing Notes.

The foggy weather of the past week practically put a stop to the fishing business. Very few boats went out. Good catches of herring are being taken, and halibut and swordfish are quite numerous.

Good catches of herring are being made by the nets in the harbor and about Jordan Bay. Line fishing has been dull as the men are busy with the herring nets.

Fishing at Clark's Harbor has been fair throughout this district. Good catches of halibut have been taken the past few weeks. Herring are plentiful at Woods Harbor, Shag Harbor, Cape Negro and Baccaro. American fishing vessels baited at Shag Harbor.

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### New Craft for Pensacola.

The "Captain William Hays" will be the name of the latest addition to the fishing fleet of the Warren Fish Company now nearing completion in the ship-building plant of that company at the foot of Baylen street, wharf, Pensacola. The new smack which is now being officially measured by the custom officials and which will soon be launched and placed in commission, is one of the best boats that has ever been turned out in Pensacola and the name that has been selected for it to carry is appropriate, indeed.

Capt. Hays, prior to his death some time ago, was long affiliated with the deep sea fishing industry of Pensacola. He was one of the most conspicuous dealers in the South and was one of the founders of the flourishing Warren Fish Company.

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## STEAM TRAWLER WENT ASHORE.

The Heroine Hit Off Baker's Island and Was Floated by Tug.

Lost in the fog that spread its grey pall over the North Shore early yesterday morning the big steam trawler Heroine of East Boston ran ashore off Baker's Island.

Though she floated off with the flood tide, she lost her propeller and was forced to put into Boston in tow of a tug.

The Heroine was one of the fastest of the blockade runners during the Civil war, and was in many brushes with the federal fleets. She has been in the merchant marine for many years.

## SMALL FARES OF MACKEREL

Two of Them at T Wharf Today, also Two Steam Trawlers.

Two of the fleet of steam trawlers with fresh fish and two small crafts with mackerel closed the week's list of arrivals at T wharf, Boston, this forenoon.

Trade was not very rushing on groundfish for Saturday is generally a pretty poor day in fish circles. The Heroine had about 40,000 pounds of groundfish and 4000 pounds of lemon soles and the Foam, 31,000 pounds and 500 pounds of lemon soles.

The two mackerel fares were schs. Charles A. Dyer with 1300 large and mediums and Little Fannie with 900 large fish. Large mackerel met a ready sale at 30 cents each, and mediums, 20 cents.

Haddock was down to \$1 and \$1.30 a hundred pounds, large cod, \$3.50 to \$4; market cod, \$1.60 to \$1.80 and pollock, \$2.30.

## BOSTON LIGHT THE OLDEST.

Boston light, eight miles below that city and situated at the very outer end of the ocean channel, was built in 1715 by the government of England and is believed to be the oldest lighthouse in America. It is constructed of rough boulder stone, hooped with iron bands, and presents a prominent coast mark for the navigator's guidance. The light stands on what is known as Little Brewster Island and is tended by a head keeper and two assistants. The fog-horn installed in connection with the light can be heard about seven miles away. Besides the great revolving light in the tower there is also a set of red and white range lights to guide vessels coming to anchor in that vicinity. Before the structure was equipped with a fog horn, a cannon, contributed by the Cunard Steamship Company, was used to fire warning salutes. This old cannon is still on the ground, but is not now in use.

### Herring Off Halifax.

Herring have struck in along the shore of Halifax county in real earnest and are rapidly being taken by the shore fishermen in gill nets. The run is generally expected at this time of the year to reach the Nova Scotian coast, but was encountered in July of last year. The quantity caught speaks well for a good month's harvest and the finny ones are keeping within striking distance. Last Wednesday no less than a thousand barrels of them were taken and indications point to this catch increasing materially from day to day. It will compensate those fishermen who relied upon the July fishing to secure their fares, but whose expectations were not realized.

### Herring Strike at Louisburg.

Fishermen fishing off Louisburg Gabarus and vicinity report sighting a large number of whales. It is several years since so many whales have been sighted on this coast.

Herring, which have been scarce all summer, have struck in, in large numbers during the past few days. During the latter part of last week, one Louisburg fisherman succeeded in landing no less than 1660 in Gabarus bay.

The first swordfish to be landed this season was captured by Pat Wadden, a Louisburg fisherman, one day last week. The fish, which weighed about 700 lbs. was captured off Scaterie.

### Brought Up Body on Trawls.

Capt. Elisha Leavitt of the fishing sloop Glad Tidings made a ghastly find yesterday forenoon while fishing to the eastward of the Brown Cow, off Mary island, on the Maine coast. In lifting his trawls he pulled up the terribly decomposed body of a man, which had evidently been in the water for a long time, and was in such an unrecognizable shape that the skipper did not hesitate a moment in cutting it adrift. The corpse was attired in a blue suit, coat and pants.

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## BUT TWO FARES IN HERE TODAY

Sch. Avalon Brings Small Halibut Trip, was Seven Weeks Out.

It was a rather quiet morning here, after yesterday's grist of arrivals, only two fares being here this morning.

Sch. Avalon after a seven weeks' trip down on Western Bank is back with 8000 pounds of halibut, 20,000 pounds of fresh fish and 18,000 pounds of salt cod.

Down from Boston is sch. Juno with 40,000 pounds of fresh fish which went to the splitters.

### Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Marguerite Haskins, seining.  
Sch. Selma, halibuting.  
Sch. Georgiana, shacking.  
Sch. John R. Bradley, eastern deck handlining.

### Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Str. Heroine, 33,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 200 hake, 4000 lemon soles, 2000 halibut.

Str. Foam, 15,000 haddock, 16,200 cod, 500 lemon soles 500 pollock.

Sch. Charles A. Dwyer, 1300 large and medium fresh mackerel.

Sch. Little Fannie, 900 large fresh mackerel.

Haddock, \$1 to \$1.35 per cwt.; large cod, \$3.50 to \$4; market cod, \$1.60 to \$1.80; pollock, \$2.30; large fresh mackerel, 30c each; mediums, 20c.

Sch. Avalon, Western Bank, 8000 lbs. halibut, 20,000 lbs. fresh fish, 18,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Juno, via Boston, 40,000 lbs. fresh fish.

### TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

#### Salt Fish.

Trawl bank cod, large, \$3.25; medium, \$2.87 1-2; snappers, \$2.

Handline Georges codfish, large, \$4.00 per cwt.; medium, \$3.50; snappers, \$2.50.

Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$3.25; mediums, \$2.87 1/2; snappers, \$2.00.

Dory handline codfish, large, \$3.50; medium, \$3.12 1/2; snappers, \$2.25.

Georges halibut codfish, large, \$4.12 1/2; mediums, \$3.50.

Drift codfish, large, \$3.75; mediums, \$3.37 1/2.

Haddock, \$1.50.

Pollock, \$1.25.

Cusk, large, \$2.50; medium, \$1.75; snappers, \$1.25.

Hake, \$1.25.

Salt tinker mackerel, \$12 per bbl.

Fledged halibut, 8c per lb.

#### Fresh Fish.

Haddock, 70c per cwt.

Peak and Cape North cod, large, \$1.75; medium, \$1.50; snappers, 75c.

Western cod, large, \$2.00; mediums, \$1.65; snappers, 75c.

All codfish not gilled, 10c per 100 pounds less than the above.

Hake, 70c.

Cusk, large, \$1.30; medium, \$1.00; snappers, 50c.

Dressed pollock 80c, round 70c.

Bank halibut, 12 1-2c per lb. for white, 10 1-2c for gray, 9c for chicken.

Fresh mackerel, 35c for large, 5c per lb. for tinkers.

Fresh bluebacks, \$2 to \$2.25 per bbl. for bait; \$1.25 per bbl. to freezer; 60 cts. per bbl. for oil.

Fresh porgies, \$1.25 per bbl. for bait; 75c per bbl. for oil.

Fresh herring, \$1.50 per bbl. to freezer; \$2.50 per bbl. for bait.

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### Swordfish On Nova Scotia Coast.

A large number of swordfish are being caught all along the Nova Scotia coast. The steamer Margaret arrived in Halifax from St. Peters with 10,000 pounds on board on Wednesday, and a number of small vessels have landed various quantities averaging from five to ten swordfish a trip.

### Halibut Sale.

The halibut fare of sch. Avalon was purchased by the American Halibut company this morning at 12 1-2 cents a pound for white, 10 1-2 cents for gray and nine cents for chicken.



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# THE GREAT SEA SERPENT IS NO MORE!

## Gloucester Skipper and Crew Credited With Its Killing.

Capt. John A. McKinnon and his crew have killed the sea serpent, according to the Portland Argus. It was 60 feet long and had a big fin like a leg of mutton sail, put up a desperate fight, exhausting the crew and—oh, well, here's what the Argus says:

"The sea serpent which has been a frequent visitor to our coast for the past 20 summers, and an object of



CAPT. JOHN McKINNON,  
Whose Crew Is Credited with Killing  
the Sea Serpent.

dread to all fishermen, will be seen no more, having been killed on Sunday last off Cape Porpoise by the crew of the Boston fishing steamer Philomena, once the George F. West steam yacht of the same name, after a desperate combat, lasting nearly two hours.

"Capt. John A. McKinnon, the master of the Philomena, one of the best known mackerel killers on the coast, was a busy man yesterday afternoon taking out a fare of mackerel at Commercial wharf which he had just secured off the lightship, but delayed his departure from the dock long

enough to give a brief account of the affair, which occurred on Sunday forenoon.

"A small school of mackerel in the seine boat were pulling in the seine when a commotion was noticed among the fish, and the serpent, which had evidently been under the seine, made its appearance alongside the boat to the alarm and disgust of the crew, who had never seen anything resembling it before. In some way it became entangled in the seine, tearing it to pieces, and then started off at a 2.40 gait, with the boat, seine and everything in tow, all the mackerel estimated at about 40 barrels, getting away.

"Seeing that something was wrong, the fishing steamers Victor and Ethel, which were fishing in the same locality, came to the assistance of the Philomena's men and a pretty stiff fight ensued the combined crews of the three steamers joining in the attack on the serpent, knives, boat hooks, clubs and anything that came handy being used.

"At last one of the Philomena's men armed with a knife a foot long reached a vital spot, and after a great splashing the serpent succumbed. Capt. McKinnon describes the sea monster as being from 50 to 60 feet in length, its body, which resembled in size and shape an immense tree trunk being black with a rough skin covered with barnacles. It had what the fishermen call a hammer head and an immense fin on the back resembling a leg of mutton sail and nearly as large.

The skipper was afterwards sorry that he did not tow the serpent into port, but with a badly exhausted crew and a wrecked seine he concluded it best to cut him adrift. Called "Big Ben" by the fishermen, and dreaded by them so much that they invariably pulled up stakes when he put in an appearance, he has been seen every summer along the coast for many years, although its existence has been doubted by many. On one occasion it ventured into this harbor, and was seen by many at the islands. The defunct serpent has been the theme of countless jokes in times gone by, and has been celebrated in poetry and prose."

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## BEAM TRAWLING TO BE INVESTIGATED

### Congress Yesterday Voted \$5000 to Do This Great Work.

The joint resolution by Congressman Gardner, providing for an investigation by the Commissioner of Fisheries as to the destructiveness of the method of fishing known as beam trawling and carrying an appropriation of \$5000, successfully, passed both branches of Congress yesterday.

The welcome information will be received with much satisfaction by the local fishing interests as well as the anti-beam trawlers advocates at Boston and other places along the coast and is regarded as a great victory for the fishermen.

The resolution of Congressman Gardner follows:

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, that the Commissioner of Fisheries be, and is hereby, authorized and directed to make an investigation into the method of fishing known as beam trawling and to report to Congress whether or not this method of fishing is destructive to the fish species or is otherwise harmful or undesirable.

Sect. 2. That in the event that the commissioner of fisheries finds this method of fishing to be destructive, harmful, or undesirable he shall recommend to Congress such legislation as he may deem necessary.

Sect. 3. That an appropriation is hereby authorized for carrying into effect the provisions of this resolution.

The appropriation amendment was recommended in the senate by Senator Lodge, and later was agreed to by both houses.



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# FISH NEWS FROM THE LABRADOR.

The news from Southern and mid-Labrador might be summed up briefly, says the St. John's N. F. Trade Review. A good deal of fish on the ground everywhere; caplin bait also procurable everywhere, but water rough, and a great deal of damage to gear by ice and stormy weather. Despite these handicaps, a good deal of fish has been landed to date, and on the sections referred to a fair voyage seems assured.

At Battle Harbor and vicinity the fish are reported plentiful, and good catches are expected when weather improves. The floating craft which have gone well North have yet to be heard from before size of whole voyage can be reckoned on.

Straits' Fishery.—From all we can glean at this writing, the Straits' fishery is going to be the poorest for years.

Northern Coastal Fishery.—The fishery in White Bay and Notre Dame Bays to this writing is more than an average for a caplin school catch, and if the squid school take turns out as good, relatively, the voyage in this section will be the best for some time.

Central Section.—From Cape Bonavista to Cape Race there has been very little change during the week. Caplin appear to be obtainable everywhere over this territory, and from a half to a quintal per man per day seems to be the take. At Trepassy, however, the position has improved, and it looks as if there is going to be a fair voyage landed at that place. In Placentia Bay there is no improvement, and the whole voyage for that part of the coast will be the smallest for years. Further west the shore fishery is poor, but the bank fishermen are hailing for bigger trips than they have landed for some years. Taking the whole coast, the voyage is good north, fair in the central section, and poor west and south. We must wait for the squid school before we are able to estimate the size of the voyage.

# BAIT SCARCE AT NEWFOUNDLAND

The prevailing scarcity of bait will hamper the fishery to some considerable extent. In the fishery reports, says the St. John's, N. F. Chronicle, during the past week from various places around the coast, bait is daily reported as very scarce, and in most cases not available. Messages are constantly arriving at the Marine and Fisheries Department for information as to where squid can be secured. At Cape Broyle at present are 31 bankers, and at Admiral's Cove are 20 more, the majority of which have been detained there during the past fortnight in the hope that a sufficient quantity of squid to resume the fishery might be had.

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## Newfoundland Fish Notes.

Newfoundland fishery news by the steamer Prospero is not very favorable. The coastal steamer arrived at Battle Harbor on Tuesday, the 13th, and during the week previous no fish was secured. At Griquet the catch is also very poor, but caplin is very numerous and squid is scarce. The weather has been very foggy and several days the fishermen were prevented from continuing operation. The whaler Hawk, operating at Cape Charles, has secured five fish to date. The Prospero brought up 250 barrels of oil and upon arrival here berthed at A. Harvey & Co.'s premises to discharge it.—St. John's, N. F. Chronicle.

By the Portia at St. John's very unfavorable fishery news was received. At several places fish is fairly plentiful, but owing to the scarcity of bait the catches are very poor. Dogfish are also numerous in many places. The sch. Molular, Capt. Davis, has arrived from Labrador and berthed at Harvey & Co.'s premises. Captain Davis and crew report fish very plentiful far north, particularly at Grady and surrounding places, but lack of salt will mean big losses to the fleet.—St. John's N. F. Chronicle.

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## Icebergs Near Grand Banks.

Vessels arriving at Sydney, N. S., port from the other side continue to report meeting huge icebergs both north and south of the Grand Banks on the southeast coast of Newfoundland. Advances from the north of the Ancient Colony and Labrador are to the effect that the bergs are strung out over the floor of the ocean for a distance of five hundred miles. Old sea salts say that 1912 is a record breaker in this direction.

## Big Fish Plant Contract.

The contract for the \$200,000 cold storage plant to be erected for the British Columbia Fisheries, Ltd., Sir George Doughty's great fishery enterprise at Alford Bay, on the Queen Charlotte Islands, near Skidgate, has been let. The building will be of concrete and steel, three stories high, and will take six months to erect.

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## Large Mackerel at Portland.

Large mackerel are still being landed at Portland. Eighteen hundred of them were received Thursday, great big fish, the finest of their kind. Three craft had them and each had 600 fish each. They were the steamer Ethel, the gasoline steamer Sawyer and the gasoline steamer North Star. The fish would weigh from two and a half pounds to five, so that the three fares would probably aggregate about 3500 pounds. All were bought by the F. S. Willard Company.

## Worms for Bait.

It seems that English anglers have found that the earth worms from the soil of Nottingham are the best bait, and this preference has founded a regular industry in that town, which employs a number of men. A good gatherer can collect 30,000 worms in a week, for which the wholesale price runs from 50 to 68 cents per lb. These worms retail all over the British Isles at from 8 to 12 cents per 100.—Fishing Gazette.

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# SCH. HECKMAN FREE ON A FINE OF \$100.

Sch. Hattie A. Heckman of this port which was seized by the Nova Scotia authorities on July 15 for an alleged infraction of the fishing regulations will be released upon payment of a fine of \$100.

M. Whalen & Sons, owners of the seized craft have sent Capt. Hiltz to Shelburne, where the Heckman lies tied up at McGill's wharf, he leaving Boston yesterday. Capt. Hiltz will bring the craft home. The fine will be paid by the owners, lawyers charges and a few incidentals, increasing the total cost of her infraction of the Canadian fisheries regulations.

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## The Labrador Fishery.

Says the St. John's Trade Review: During the week news was received from Venison Island, Labrador, that the fishermen were doing fairly good work at Snug Harbor, Sandy Islands, Battea, Bolster's Rock and other stations south of Cape Harrison, and that hopes were entertained that the spurt would continue. This is indeed good news, as it is along that portion of the coast the stationers prosecute the fishery, and the majority of them belong to Conception and Trinity bays. Several of the planters have sent on orders for salt, which as a good indication that the prospects are favorable for a fairly good voyage. For the past two years the stationers in the above localities have met with very poor luck, but they held on with grim determination and commendable perseverance, and now it would appear that their efforts will be crowned with success. During the next few days we may hope for even more favorable reports.

## Trouble With the Crew.

Sch. Harry A. Nickerson which left here July 27 on a dory handlining trip is home here, on account of difficulty with her crew. She will re-fit here and ship a new crew.

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# GOOD PRICE ON HALIBUT TODAY.

## Sch. Rhodora Will Profit by Being Only One of Fleet Along.

The only off shore trip here this morning was sch. Rhodora from Emerald Bank, which arrived Saturday afternoon with 12,000 pounds of halibut, 40,000 pounds fresh fish, 5000 pounds of salt cod and 2000 pounds of fletched halibut.

The halibut fare was purchased by the American Halibut Company this forenoon at 12 1-4 cents a pound for white and 10 1-4 cents a pound for grays.

Two of the seiners are in with small fares, sch. Effie M. Prior, with eight barrels large salt mackerel, and sch. Arthur James with two barrels salt tinkers. Sch. Constellation returned from seining, shortly before noon today.

Saturday afternoon, steamer Water Witch landed 100 barrels of bluebacks, it being the only arrival of blueback since Friday.

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The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

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Str. Water Witch, seining, 100 bbls. bluebacks.

Sch. Effie M. Prior, seining, 8 bbls. large salt mackerel.

Sch. Arthur James, seining, 2 bbls. salt tinker mackerel.

## Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Moaniam, halibuting.

Sch. Teazer, halibuting.

Sch. Mina Swim, drifting.

Sch. Olympia, drifting.

Sch. Mary DeCosta, haddocking.

Sch. Jorgina, haddocking.

Sch. Laverna, shacking.

## TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

### Salt Fish.

Trawl bank cod, large, \$3.25; medium, \$2.87 1-2; snappers, \$2.

Handline Georges codfish, large, \$4.00 per cwt.; medium, \$3.50; snappers, \$2.50.

Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$3.25; mediums, \$2.87 1/2; snappers, \$2.00.

Dory handline codfish, large, \$3.50; medium, \$3.12 1/2; snappers, \$2.25.

Georges halibut codfish, large, \$4.12 1/2; mediums, \$3.50.

Drift codfish, large, \$3.75; mediums, \$3.37 1/2.

Haddock, \$1.50.

Pollock, \$1.25.

Cusk, large, \$2.50; medium, \$1.75; snappers, \$1.25.

Hake, \$1.25.

Salt tinker mackerel, \$12 per bbl.

Fletched halibut, 8c per lb.

### Fresh Fish.

Haddock, 70c per cwt.

Peak and Cape North cod, large, \$1.75; medium, \$1.50; snappers, 75c.

Western cod, large, \$2.00; mediums, \$1.65; snappers, 75c.

All codfish not gilled, 10c per 100 pounds less than the above.

Hake, 70c.

Cusk, large, \$1.30; medium, \$1.00; snappers, 50c.

Dressed pollock 80c, round 70c.

Bank halibut, 12 1-4c per lb. for white, 10 1-4c for gray.

Fresh mackerel, 35c for large, 5c per lb. for tinkers.

Fresh bluebacks, \$2 to \$2.25 per bbl. for bait; \$1.25 per bbl. to freezer; 60 cts. per bbl. for oil.

Fresh porgies, \$1.25 per bbl. for bait; 75c per bbl. for oil.

Fresh herring, \$1.50 per bbl. to freezer; \$2.50 per bbl. for bait.

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## BUILDS FISH WEIRS.

Capt. William Mayo of Castine, Me., who began his work in 1881, claims to have built more fish weirs than any other man on the Atlantic coast. Very few weirs on the coast compare with his for solidity of construction. Fourteen years ago on one of the most exposed parts of Baker's Island he built a weir, for which he used 25-foot piles, 12 inches in diameter, driven into the clay bottom to a depth of seven feet. It has withstood the elements to the present time.

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# CAUGHT TWICE BY SAME CRAFT.

## Marked Halibut Brought In by Sch. Avalon Has Grown a Great Deal

A remarkable incident happened during the recent trip of sch. Avalon which returned here Friday from halibuting, there being included in the craft's catch a small halibut which bore a distinction very much out of the ordinary.

Two years ago, one of the crew of the Avalon brought up a baby halibut on his trawl while fishing on Green Bank. The fish weighed about 15 pounds and was thrown overboard. Before releasing the fish, however, the fisherman cut the initials "L. R." plainly upon its back and nothing more was thought of the incident.

A few weeks ago, while fishing on Western Bank, some of the crew were surprised when a halibut was hoisted on board, bearing the familiar initials "L. R." Instantly some of the crew recalled the incident of two years ago, which nearly had been forgotten, and singularly enough the fish had been caught again by the crew of the same craft. To give an idea how fast a halibut will grow, the baby 15-pounder of two years ago had grown to four times his former size, tipping the scales at 60 pounds.

The fish is now on exhibition in the show window at Dennison's fish market Main street.

# ST. PIERRE HAS VERY BAD SEASON.

The season just closing will mark one of the worst in the history of the fisheries in the annals of St. Pierre, especially with the French fleet, which was this year composed of nearly four hundred sailing craft, not to speak of the steamers. The North Sidney Herald's special correspondent at the French colony writes saying that on an average the catch of the bank fisherman will scarcely come up to twelve hundred quintals each. In previous years the average catch was something around from three to five thousand quintals. Last year the major portion of the French fleet left for the shores of distant France long before this date, but this year scarcely a boat has taken its departure, the skippers holding on in the uncertain hope that a fair, or at least, an expense-paying trip may be obtained. However, by this time all hope has been abandoned.

# ABOUT THE MAGDALENS.

The little archipelago, known as the Magdalens, consists of 13 islands, some of which are uninhabitable, all connected at low water by a long stretch of sandy beach, entirely without vegetation, but haunted by myriads of gulls, terns, gannets and other sea birds.

The first settlement of the islands was made in 1763 by a remnant of the Acadians, who were driven out of New France, N. S., by the English. They also raise scant crops in the valleys, and the lineal descendants of those settlers, and their principal trade is to fish the waters of the Gulf of St. Lawrence for cod, mackerel, lobsters, etc. They also raise scant crops in the valleys, and feed a few sheep and cattle on the high conical hills of the islands. The Magdalens are a simple, primitive and industrious people, who earn their livelihood under discouraging climatic conditions.

## Boston Fishing Vessel Sold.

The fishing sch. Fish Hawk, owned in Boston has been sold to Pensacola and will soon join the fleet of other former Gloucester and Boston crafts engaged south in the snapper fishery. The sale through Capt. Frank Cooney, formerly of sch. Mary E. Cooney, sold to Pensacola last fall. The Fish Hawk is now at this port.